

20th March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Equus Production on Wednesday 3rd April 2019

In section B of the written exam students are required to show an outstanding knowledge of the text Equus, they need to be able to confidently explain how they would direct their actors as well as use the different design areas for the production. Seeing a live production of Equus is rare and will be extremely useful for the final exam.

We are incredibly lucky that a current production of the play is touring to very high critical acclaim. The production will be on Wednesday 3rd April, we will leave school at 3pm and we are unlikely to be back to school before midnight.

An English Touring Theatre and Theatre Royal Stratford East co-production.

*Inspired by a true story, Peter Shaffer's gripping psychological thriller, **EQUUS**, explores the complex relationships between devotion, myth and sexuality.*

When teenager Alan Strang's pathological fascination leads him to blind six horses in a Hampshire stable, psychiatrist Dr. Martin Dysart is tasked with uncovering the motive behind the boy's violent act. As Dysart delves into Alan's world of twisted spirituality, passion and sexuality, he begins to question his own sanity and motivations in a world driven by consumerism.

Award winning director Ned Bennett brings Peter Shaffer's psychological thriller Equus to the stage in a bold new production of the critically-acclaimed classic.

★★★★★ You will not see a better production of this masterpiece.' *The Observer*

★★★★★ Haunting, engrossing theatre... rich and riveting.. a must-see... takes the breath away.' *WhatsOnStage*

★★★★★ Still has the power to shock and provoke shivers.' *The Telegraph*

The cost of the performance £12.50, If you would like your son/daughter to attend please return the reply slip with payment by Monday 25th March. Due to recent late payments from 6th form that this is a strict deadline, any payments after 25th will not be accepted.

If your child has a medical condition/disability please ensure they are not taking part in this visit against your doctor's advice. Please note that this production contains strobe lighting, haze, loud noises and the smoking of herbal cigarettes.

Updates on all trips including expected time of arrival to return to school and pictures will be put on our Drama Twitter page, please follow @DramaArnewood to ensure you are kept up to date with all trips and department news.

It is parent's responsibility to keep the school informed of any changes to contact numbers and medical information pertaining to their child. Parents can update via SIMS Parent Lite – details at <https://www.arnewood.hants.sch.uk/parents/sims-parent-lite> or via contact with reception.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K. Watson
Head of Drama

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Reply Slip – Please return to the Finance Office by Monday 25th March 2019

Student's Name: **Tutor Group:**

I have received the letter regarding 'Equus' and agree to my son/daughter taking part in this event.

I would like my son/daughter to participate in the production and include £12.50.

(Please tick the relevant boxes)

My child will be collected by : (named adult).

I undertake to keep the school informed of any changes in contact numbers or medical information pertaining to my child.

Signed: **Date:**

Parent/Carer